

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 1-57 are pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-34 are rejected for the reasons discussed below, but "would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph" set forth in the Office Action. Claims 35-57 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this acknowledgement of patentable subject matter.

Applicant requests the favorable reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the pending rejections, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following remarks.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 7 is objected to because of the reference to "the first register" in line 9. Applicant has amended Claim 7 to reference simply "the register", as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, this rejection is overcome.

Please note that the amendment to Claim 7 merely corrects a reference to an element of the parent claim. Therefore, this amendment is not narrowing and is not made for the purpose of patentability or avoiding the prior art.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-34 are rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 16 as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 2-15 and 17-34 were rejected due to the rejection of Claims 1 and 16, from which they respectively depend. Therefore, this rejection is overcome with regard to all claims.

Conclusion

No new matter has been introduced by any of the above amendments. All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any action other than allowance is contemplated by the

Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's agent, Lois D. Cartier, at 720-652-3733.

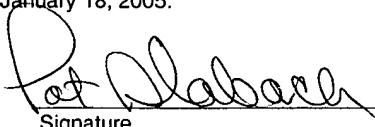
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